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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Tyrone Robinson, DOB: 1/13/71, of Fitchburg, Wisconsin, was sentenced today to one year in federal prison, followed by three years of supervised release, by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz for his role in a local "check washing" scheme. The defendant pleaded guilty to one count of bank fraud on June 13, 2006.

Robinson was one of four individuals charged in the scheme, which began with checks being stolen from the outgoing mail boxes of various individuals. The legitimate information from the checks was removed or "washed," and replaced with fraudulent payee names and amounts. The checks were then presented to local banks, where they were cashed. Mr. Robinson cashed one forged check in the amount of \$988.

The charge against Mr. Robinson was the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Daniel J. Graber and Meredith P. Duchemin.

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